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#### BERIND CLOSED DOORS.

the public information of the people of Richmond?

nie what has been coing on in the

removed from office. It has never suggested that he ought to be punished in any way. It has simply pointed an investigation was duly ordered by the Aldermen, the lower branch promptly concurring. If it was the intention of the Council that this investigation should be the greatest starchamber proceeding ever held in Richmond, it concealed that desire from the people with the utmost success.

But no one believes that the Council What gives the action of the Council committee a peculiarly unpleasant of fect is these ugly rumors that have been bandled about the streets from the beginning: rumors that every coneclvable influence, every imaginable verbs regarding the virtues of brevity. pressure, was being brought to bear to bush this matter up. It is needless to say that the preposterous secresession held by the special committee vesterday will give these rumors a body and a substance which they have hitherto lacked. But if the people of

of these letters is not sent us for pubhim the address; says he wants to for writing either a sheet of paper or a ream of legal cap. He asks us please to tell him how to make the rain fall, how to regulate the hallsort.

tures into contradiction of our statements, and we happen to have him netted \$400 from a single acre, which Entered January 27, 1903, at Richmond, Va., he calls "absurd," is quite true, though part of this boy's returns came in els of corn has never been raised from the Raleigh corn show not long ago bushels of corn on a single acre, or but 6,300 words. Washington could other farmers around Raleigh showed over seventy-four bushels, one of them fication in two pages of closely writbushels.

> pirit in which these valued correspondents write. Assuming that they are not particularly successful in their exasperating in the extreme to have it constantly dinned into their ears profitable vocation. Look at it an way you will, it comes down to a fairwhen the aspersion comes not from book-farmer," the hated closet "theorist" and contemned "kid-glove" com-

gress in this State and elsewhere. The sarcastic contempt for the new and as enlisted as a private, knowing indeed to be laughed at provided it and it has some reason to believe that it is helping a good deal.

hatched in Chicago. But it has said changes on this simple theme, and the word for it. If the skeptles want to Burkeville, is running. It will do them a lot of good. Let them get good farm far as to get in touch with the Deout the obvious fact that the state- partment of Agriculture; let them buy ments contained in Accountant Crenshaw's report made it absolutely necessary that the affairs of the Collector's
office be officially investigated. Such
an investigation was duly ordered by ful trying-out of some of the now despised "novelties,"

Secretary Wilson's annual report, noted in these columns yesterday, shows that the farmers of the country will take in \$869,000,000 more in hard cash this year than they did in 1908. We invite every farmer in Virginia to ask himself whether he got his pro rata share of this stupendous increase in wealth. If he did not, we suggest had any such intention or desire, that he go further and ask himself

MESSAGES LONG AND SHORT. Weary editors are urging the President to be brief in his opening message. They remind him of divers ancient proand point to Mr. Roosevelt as a solemn warning. Incidentally, of course, the interpreters and purveyors of the news are thinking of the travall they personally will endure should Mr. Taft fire a wordy broudside at the unoffending Congress. To digest a lengthy message, put it in readable shape and editorially expound what it all means will try

our strong agricultural optimism. One agate for a few significant utterances As a consequence an Important State

document goes almost unperused. One of them ironically assumes that It remains to be seen how Mr. Taft The Times-Dispatch runs a model farm will succeed in condensing into a small somewhere from which it shakes down hamphlet the sundry observations of immense profits; invites us to give his travels. He has ample precedent paper of a ream of legal can. He can verbose than Roosevelt. When the speed on its work of organizing the government, he uttered 1,572 words minded Congress of some of his policies, the clerk of the House read the course. Madison followed close on the brevity of Washington, and spoke his Buren, anticinating Roosevell require and Grover Cleveland as many as 23, 000 words to tell Congress of its duty between these extremes.

But great words have not been the measure of great deeds. Madison precipitated war with 2,600 words. Jack son destroyed the United States Bank with 4,000, and Lincoln declared war on the South, in his first message, with send an important communication in Judge. four lines, while John Quincy Adams forwarded a sheaf of treaties for ratiten script.

Men read these brief messages and knew what they meant. The farmer could tell what Jackson proposed to do with the bank, and how Lincoln proposed to use his nower. arming, they would naturally find it the contrary can remember the tentl that Roosevelt wrote, or recall the contents of some of Grover Cleveland's exhaustive and exhausting effusions.

> Wall Street flatters itself that it is message-proof.

> victories in the courts are doubtiess all well enough in their way.
> Yet for many, many years do we confidently expect to see the Standard
> Oll Company go on suffering with
> nervy prosperity. go on suffering with

Mr. Sherman has begun complain We have no doubt that dozens of virginia farmers fully share the aning that the Vice-President is an obscure person, which is within his rights, The odd thing about it, though, is that the man seems to think he has discovered something.

Down in little old Nicaragua, they Down in little old Nicaragia, they say that the pen of our Honorable the Secretary of State can do a lightning character-sketch from seven to eleven times as vividly as any other pen ever noticed in that midst,

Take that, Zelaya! And that! And

ountry, and may never come back.

Opinions are divided as to whether Mr. Ballinger is a misunderstood may or simply a man who is understood ; little too well.

"Smelter Partially Closed," asserts the judicial headliner. Hope the part they closed was the smelt, hey?

Pretty soon there won't be anything

If Mister Zelaya owns any shin-protectors and rubber nose-guards, we should say that he ought to prepare to don them now.

route to wealth or a get-rich-quick being dandy condensers, anyway, scheme eleverer than anything ever When they have gotten through boiling down the "consolidation of the Western Union Telegraph Company and the American Telegraph and Tele-phone Company." It stands as "being merger," with three words more to go

hitherto tacked. But if the people of Richmond are willing to have their business attended to in any such high-handed way, we completely misunderstand their temper and misinterpret their spirit.

DUR "BOOK-FARMER'S" OPTIMISM. The same article in The Times-Dispatch has brought us by the same mail two letters written in precisely the whole thing in the wash in it; anything Memphis News Scimitar.

Expound what it all means will try the pulses for to-day and to-morrow. It maintains his family and his own man-hood. It is true there are many jobs that each man may fit himself to. Hoody index the grains of thought that to have and to hold a job for which he is fitted. That right is as preclous as life itself, for all the best there is than listen to it; the people throw the whole thing in the wash in it; anything Memphis News Scimitar.

### Borrowed Jingles

COMING.

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Although the merry Chrismastide is still some days away.

The signs of its proximity grow plainer every day;

The hallboy says "Good morning" with a smile and tips his hat.

And in the pipes the jamilor turns steam to heat the fist.

And every single day

The program runs this way:

Mether's down on Breadway, Buying pretty things; Daughter's on Fitth Avenue, Buying gloves or rings; Sonny's down on Twenty-third, His list of gifts to fill; While father's working overtime To pay the Christmas bill.

the man who brings your papers has The man who brings your papers and pleasant smile for you.
The butcher acts as though you were the best he ever knew;
The cook is sweet and cheerful and the cops are smooth and mild;
And e'en the sawage subway guard is tender

Mother's in the toy shop, Buying all the day; Daughter's in the jowelers', Mother's in the day;
Buying all the day;
Daughter's in the jewelers',
And taking things away;
Sonny's buying, buying things,
As merry as you pleas;
White father's slaving at his desk
To foot the C. O. D.'s.

-New York World.

MERELY JOKING.

Geraldine: "Who is the hero of your ne

A Liberal Dis De Broke: "A penny for your thoughts, old man."

Haskins: "I was thinking I would ask you for that \$10 you owe me."—Boston Tran-

"Tis So for Papa in Belgium.

"I wonder who the people are in that ma-hine who look so haughty?"
"Probably the poor relations of the owner, who is taking them for a spin."-Buffalo

Ardent Golfer (on the eternal subject): "They tell me old Simpkins had gone right off his baffy-"
Aunt Amelia; "Ah, I always thought that man populiar!"-Punch.

Have to Go It Blind.

"The way to flatter a weman is to tell her that she looks ten years younger than she is." "But how are you to find out how old she is?"-Houston Post.

THE OBSERVANT PARAGRAPHERS.

Of course, if Walter Wellman says that Cook did not get to the Pole, he knows what he is talking about, for nobody has not get-ten there any mere often than this same Wellman.—Charleston News and Courler.

Mr. Sherman's whimsical referen

Mr. Lawson offers a deckle-edged edition of his opinions about trusts. A real prome-ter would be found offering gilt-edged pro-lucts.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Mere glory for the Old Guard, Lyman J. Gage's new wife was a "Florodora" sextet girl.-Concord Monitor.

It pays Senator La Foliette to defend the peopul." He charges \$1.50 a seat to do the L"-Los Angeles Times.

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sedder in smoking tobacco. Some of them have families dependent upon them. Let those over sixty receive \$10 per month and those over seventy at least \$12 per month. It we were in the Legislature we should work and vote for such a bill, even if it became necessary to borrow the money to meet the increased expenditure. We hope Dr. Stephenson will take up the cause of these worthy old veterans and see that justice is done them. It appears that the veterans are forgotten immediately after elections.—Williamsburg (Va.) Gazette.

ant possession cannot be questioned. It is the job which completes the mr. Without that he is only flotsam and jetsam upon the sea of life.

In this day and age of universal industry a joh is absolutely necessary to every-bodied and able-minded man, if not for his physical sustenance at least for the maintenance of his character. The human drone is as despised and worthless as is the drone among the bees. Home has been called the corner-stone of civilization. It is a beautiful thought and true. But the rest of the foundation of civilization is useful employment. The line between savage and civilized peoples is sharply drawn at work.

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The individual who will not labor and bring into the world something that will survive his brief existence has not the respect of others or of himself. He is a hindrance and a shame to mankind. A man's job is his most valuable possession. It is of the utmost importance to his happiness for to-day and to-morrow. It maintains his family and his own manhood. It is true there are many jobs.



# GIVES UP WIFE TO HER ADMIRER

Sir John Crampton Permits Di vorce That Lady Crampton Might Be a Duchess.

FROM KITCHEN TO PALACE

Mme, Sonntag Won Her Way to Emperor's Esteem by Wonderful Cooking,

LA MARQUISE DE FONTENOY.
HE Duke and Duchess de Frias,
who have just returned to Europe after a Bojourn of several
years in Africa, and who are now staying with the Duke of Alba a his Palace of Liria, in Madrid, are in reality more than half English; for the duchess is a daughter of Sir Charles Knowles, Bart, and the widow of Henry Arthur Tempest; while the duke, who was educated at Eton. had as mother, Victoria Balfe, and is, therefore, a grandson of Michael W. Balfe, composer of "The Bohemian Girl" and other well-known operas. The present of the well-known operas. The present of the well-known operas. The present or low tide. There is no general rule. as mother, Victoria Baife, and is, therefore, a grandson of Michael W. Baife, composer of "The Bohemian Girl" and other well-known operas. The present duke's mother, Victoria Baife was on the operatic stage when she won the love of Sir John Crampton, British ambassador at St. Petersburg, to such an extent that he made her his wife. Finding that his situation had thereby become rather difficult at the court of the Czar, Sir Jöhn, who, it may be remembered, had previously been withdrawn from the post of English envoy at Washington, on the demand of President Buchanan, was transferred as ambassador to Madrid, where Lady Crampton was at first received in the most gracious fashion. In the winter of 1843 to 1864 she fell in love with the Duke de Frias, one of the greatest nobles of Spain and a lineal descendant of the Grand Constable of Castile under King John II. The "grande passion" between the ambassadress and the duke soon became a matter of talk; nothing, however, occurring to create a real scandal.

Sir John Crampton, with the same chivalry that characterized John Ruskin in his domestic relations, realizing that his wife could only be happy with the man to whom she had given her heart, notffied her that, as he desired above everything else her welfare, he would offer no defense if she brought a suit in London, not for divorce, but for the dannulment of the marriage, under circumstances which would permit her to resume her madden name. Like John Ruskin, Sir John Crampton offered no defense, and allowed judgment to be pronounced against him. His chivalry in the matter was appreciated nowhere more than in Spain, and it is doubtful whether any foreign ambassador ever cripoyed a similar amount of popularity among the countrymen of Cervantes. He remained at

ciated nowhere more than in Spain, and it is doubtful whether any foreign am dit is doubtful whether any foreign ambussador ever enjoyed a similar amount of popularity among the countrymen of Cervantes. He remained at Madrid until his retirement from the diplomatic service in 1869. On the annulment of her marriage, the ex-Lady Crampton lost no time in marrying the Duke de Frias, and with an incomprehensible lack of delicacy, the newly-wedded couple proceeded direct from Paris to Madrid, where, naturally, they found every door closed against them. Even easy-going Queen Isabella was outraged by the heartlessness and lack of gratitude shown by the new-fledged duchess, and refused to receive her. In a rage, the duke sent back to the Queen his grand cross of the Order of Charles III., resigned his post of chamberlain and withdrew from Spain. During the following fifteen years he resided abroad, mostly at Blarritz, where the Villa Frins used to be well known to American visitors, and where his Irish wire died in 1871. He subsequently married there, Princess Carmen Pignatelli, with whom he returned to Spain, where he died as Civil Governor of Madrid. His son by Victoria Balfe, after leaving Eton entered the diplomatic service of Spain, was secretary of legation, after the and then secretion, first at Tanglers, and then secretics.

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# Daily Queries and Answers

Address all communications for this column to Query Editor, Times-Dispatch. No mathematical problems will be solved, no coins or stamps valued and no dealers! names will be given.

Mr. Rockefeller's Address.

Will you please publish Mr. Rockefeller's address?

A letter addressed to J. D. Rockefeller, 5 West Fifty-fourth Street, New York City, will probably reach one of Mr. Rockefeller's many secretaries.

Hen. Charles J. Faulkner.
Was Hon, Charles J. Faulkner, father
of Ex-Senator Faulkner, ever a member of the United States Sanato?
READER.

No, though he served in the House of Representatives.

Remedy for Wart.

Please inform me how to take an ordinary wart off my face. It has been there about six months. What can be the cause of such appearing on any part of a person? B.D. H.

Home remedies for such things are of doubtful value. Any physician can remove the wart by a small operation.

The Most Widely Spoken Language.
To settle a bet, please tell me which language is the most extensively spoken on the globe. Is it English? ANXIOUS. Yes, English.

Dr. William Foushee,
Seeing in your columns the question
"Who was Foushee Street of Richmond
anned after" reminds me that while
at William and Mary College, some
years ago, I found on one of the nearby battlefields a brass plate, possibly
used as a belt buckle, with the following engraving: "Dr. William Foushee,
Jr., Richmond, Va." Should there be
some relatives who wish this relic, address Box 192, Newcastle, Va.

Print Paper, Etc.

1. What is print paper? Is it simply blank paper used by publishers for newspapers and other periodicals, or is it paper used for blue-prints, drawings,

newspapers and other periodicals, or is it paper used for blue-prints, drawlings, etc.?

2. During the revision of the tariff bill there was a great deal said about the rate on print paper, and it was finally reduced nearly 50 per cent. In what way did the reduction in print paper benefit the people in general?

3. I saw it stated that "H. H. S." had been substituted for "C. Q. D." as a signal of distress. What is the meaning when so used?

3. S. B.

1. Print paper is that class of white paper which is used chiefly in the manufacture of newspapers, and which is generally made from wood pulp.

2. The duty on print paper very materially affects the price of newspapers. If paper were duty free, the price of many newspapers could be reduced with consequent benefit to the public. There was a very widespread agitation for free print paper during the tariff revision. All of the great publishers of the country petitioned for free paper. Congress, however, finally fixed the tariff at one-twelfth of 1 cent per pound.

3. According to reports printed during the last few days, "C. Q. D." is still in use in the wireless service.

"Hudson-Fulion Capes."

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Can you advise if proper to wear the long "Hudson-Fulton" capes to church?
IGNORANCE.
You could also "Hudson-Fulion Capea."
Can you advise if proper to wear the long "Hudson-Fulton" capes to church? IGNORANCE.
If you so desire. You could also wear one to a funeral. Neither would be considered the very best form.

Dress for Organized Card Club.
Can you tell me what is the proper

dress for a gentleman attending an organized card club in the evening, between the hours of 9 and 11 & clock? READER.

If ladies are to be present, or if the party is more or less formal, you should wear a dinner coat. A dress cost would hardly be correct form. A Rolling Stone Gathers No Moss." Will you please tell me where I will find the old quotation, "A rolling stone gathers no moss"? READER.
This is one of the maxims of Publius Syrus, who thrived about 42 B. C.

Senator Clay, of Georgia.

How can I address a letter that will reach Senator Clay, of Corgin? reach Senator Clay, of Corgin?

Address Hon, A. C. Clay, farletta, Gs.
Senator Clay will be in Washington shortly, and can be addressed in care of the United States Senate.

Schiller. Will you please tell me when the German poet, Schiller, died? M. M. T. May 9, 1805.

Vermont and New Hampsbire

Can you tell me whether New Hampshire or Vermont has the largest population? B. L. M.
New Hampshire has 411.588; Vermont has 343,641.

King of Saxony.

Who is the present King of Saxony & STUDENT. Frederick Augustus III.

High Church in the South.

What is considered the most pronounced high church in the South?

CHURCH.

We suppose you refer to the Protestant Episcopal Church. Mount Calvary, in Baltimore, is generally given the distinction to which you refer. Its ritual became so unusual that Bishop Paret at one time declined to visit the church.

the country that are really fireproof?

According to the general conception of the term, a slow-burning building is one in which the inflammable materials are reduced to a minimum, and are so arranged that they will not burn rapidly under normal fire conditions. The fireproof building, theoretically, is one which will not burn to any extent under any circumstances. As a matter of fact, there are very few building really fire; 1:>6. No building can bo properly so classified unless its interior finishings, its window frames, its staircases, etc., are of concrete, metal, stone or tile.

Cruiser Brooklyn.

Please tell me when the keel of the old cruiser Brooklyn was laid.

READER. 1893.

SUBSCRIBER.

How many ships are annually built in the United States? SAILOR, During 1908 the number was 1.457.

portion of the community in each sec-tion which is not intelligent enough to appreciate the facts and just enough to appland, as you do, the service

outside, which she was required to hold in readiness for the reception of distinguished foreign guests, and where Admiral Alexieff, the former Ito and many others were housed and miertained by her in behalf of the

Knowing that she had access at all times to the Emperor, and enjoyed with him the most perfect freedom of all who had any favor or information to obtain from the monarch. It is greatly to the credit of the old lady that she never abused her position, and that, although known in Seoul as all-powerful, she conducted herself with so much tact and discretion that she managed to retain the most absolute on the managed to retain the most absolute of the Emperor, and of all the native dignitaries, as well as of the foreign officials and residents. The only irritation that she excited was at one time on the part of the French, when, in deference to the persuasions of old Baron von Saldern, the German envoy, who was a great character and universally beloved, she transferred her allegiance from France to Germany. As sally beloved, she transferred her alleglance from France to Germany. As
mentioned above, she is the only foreign woman who has ever been employed by the court of Korea, with the
exception of the Hon. Mrs. Percy
Synge, sister of the late Lord Abinger,
and who was for a time physician to
the ladies of the imperial family, but
who left Korea more than ten years
aro, and has never been there since.
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## Voice of the People.

Lawyers in Feeless Cases.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—The legal profession is the object of so many brickbats and so few boundets that it is little less than a greatly respected at Seoul by foreign.

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Stow-Burning and Fireproof.

Will you please distinguish for may between slow-burning and fireproof buildings? Are there any buildings in the country that are really fireproof?

INQUIREIL.

Maryland's Dry Couniles.
Please tell me how many countles there are in Maryland in which a man cannot get a drink at a saloon.

Ships Annually Bullt.

Richmond, December 2.

patches, which stated that Mr. Untermyer was contributing his services lished on Friday showed that this compensation. These dispatches say would collect his fee of \$500 from the State for defending her, and turn it over to Mrs. Cristanti. Mr. Untermyer said that the case had cost him \$1,000 to prepare."-Editor The Times-

The Times-Dispatch on Farming, Editor of The Times-Dispatch.

The Times-Dispatch on Farming.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—I notice in your editorial on the "Curse of Farming Tradition," how 44,000 boys in Louisiana and Arkansas are farming by the "new methods" outlined by the Agricultural Department's publications, ... and that in some cases the "boys gathered seventy-four bushels of corn from an acre." Now, Mr. Editor, you sometimes do some pretty good farming on paper, but really, do you think that any one with enough brains to lead a "goose to water" would believe your statements quoted above? Suppose the "one lad" made seventy-four bushels of corn from one acre (which has never been done except on paper), how much seed corn do you think he could have picked from the lot? And, pray tell us, how much is corn worth a bushel down there anyway? He must have gotten some where in the neighborhood of \$5.55 per bushel for his entire crop of seventy-four bushels to realize \$400, which is simply absurd. But, Mr. Editor, if you will be kind enough and give us some more of your "new methods of tarning" like this, then we will be enlightened sure enough. Also, please tell us how to make the rain fall and how to grow the condition of the seventy-four bushels of corn per acre by the "new method."

Express Charges.